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LETTER DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, dated 13 November 1993.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 13 November 1993 from the Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

We are addressing you once again with the request that the city of Mostar and its surroundings be designated as a safe area, and that an emergency meeting of the Security Council be held with regard to this issue.

We would like to remind you that, on 23 July 1993, the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina asked for such a decision to be made.

A month later, on 26 August 1993, I addressed the President of the Security Council in a letter with a repeated request that, in view of increasing suffering of the population, the Security Council decide without further delay on options for new and stronger measures in accordance with paragraph 14 of Security Council resolution 836 (1993), including the designation of Mostar as a safe area.

Unfortunately, these requests, as well as the address of the President of the Presidency, Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, before the General Assembly, did not move the Security Council to decisive and effective measures for stopping the terrible tragedy of the 55,000 inhabitants of Mostar and people expelled in the aggressors' campaign of ethnic cleansing.

The destruction of the Old Bridge, a monument of the most important category, 427 years old, represents not only an unprecedented act of barbarism, but also a deadly situation for more than 10,000 civilians on the right bank of the Nerctva River in Mostar.

We call upon you, once again urgently to declare Mostar a safe area and take decisive measures using the United Nations forces available on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(Signed) Mr. Haris SILAJDZIC
Prime Minister